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SUBJ: EXPLOSION AT NEW YORK HILTON HOTEL

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 8:10 PM, SEPT 21, 1976, A DYNAMITE BOMB PLACED IN STAIRWELL ON 24TH FLOOR OF NEW YORK HILTON HOTEL EXPLODED AND CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

2. ACCORDING TO POLICE, IMITATION BROWN LEATHER BAG CONTAINING QUANTITY OF HIGH EXPLOSIVES WAS SUSPENDED BEHIND FIRE HOSE IN STAIRWELL ON 24TH FLOOR. WRIST WATCH WAS USED AS TIMING MECHANISM. FORCE OF EXPLOSION TORE WALL SEPARATING HOTEL ROOM FROM STAIRWELL ON 24TH FLOOR AND DISLODGED UP AND DOWN STEEL STAIRCASES TO 23RD AND 25TH FLOORS.

3. AT APPROXIMATELY 5:00 PM, A DEMONSTRATION WAS HELD IN FRONT OF NEW YORK HILTON HOTEL. GROUP INVOLVED PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY AND YOUTH AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 300 DEMONSTRATORS PRESENT. THE MAIN THEME OF THE DEMONSTRATION WAS THE AFFILIATION BETWEEN

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GOVERNOR HERNADEZ-COLON AND MERRILL LYNCH. DEMONSTRATORS

CONSIDER MERRILL LYNCH TO BE EXPLOITERS OF PUERTO RICANS
IN THEIR HOMLAND. MERRILL LYNCH WAS SPONSOR
OF DINNER FOR GOVERNOR HERNANDEZ-COLON.

4. AT APPROXIMATELY 8:13 PM, NIGHT CITY EDITOR, NEW YORK
POST, RECEIVED CALL FROM FEMALE WHO STATED: "LISTEN TO THIS
VERY CAREFULLY. THIS IS THE F.A.L.N. WE HAVE JUST BOMBED
THE HILTON HOTEL. THERE IS A COMMUNIQUE IN A PHONE BOOTH
AT 53RD STREET AND 5TH AVENUE. IN TEN MINUTES ANOTHER
BOMB IS SET TO GO OFF AT THE STATLER HILTON.
EVACUATE THE HOTEL. THIS IS IN PROTEST OF THE VISIT OF
GOVERNOR HERNANDEZ-COLON." CALLER THEN HUNG UP.

5. GOVERNOR RAFAEL HERNANDEZ-COLON WAS ATTENDING FUND RAISING
DINNER ON 2ND FLOOR AT TIME OF BLAST. HIS ROOM WAS ON 44TH
FLOOR OF HILTON. GOVERNOR HERNANDEZ-COLON WAS MOVED TO
ANOTHER LOCATION FOR REMAINDER OF HIS STAY IN NEW YORK CITY.

6. THERE WAS NO EXPLOSION AT STATLER HILTON HOTEL.
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